

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Following paragraph [0008], the specification includes a paragraph that was not numbered. Please enumerate the paragraph following paragraph [0008] as paragraph [0009] and renumber paragraphs [0009] – [0032] as paragraphs [0010] – [0033].

Please replace newly enumerated paragraph [0009] with the following amended paragraph:

[0009] The present invention overcomes the disadvantages in the related art in door trim panels for vehicles and generally fulfills a need in the art for a method of manufacturing a door trim panel assembly having an integrated soft-touch area for improved aesthetic and ergonomic door trim panel quality. To this end, the method of the present invention includes actuating a core within a mold cavity so as to partition at least one area of the mold cavity to prevent a first molten thermoplastic material from completely filling the mold cavity. A first molten thermoplastic material having a predetermined density is then injected into a mold cavity so as to fill the mold cavity thereby forming a structural element. The core is then retracted from within the mold cavity to provide at least one secondary void within the mold cavity. A second molten thermoplastic material having a density less than the predetermined density of the first molten thermoplastic material is then injected into ~~[[said]]~~ the secondary void of the mold cavity to form at least one soft-touch area bonded to and adjacent at least a portion of the structural element.

Please replace *formerly* enumerated paragraph [0023] with the following amended paragraph:

{0023} {0024} The door trim panel assembly 32 of the present invention further includes a structural element, generally indicated at 50, that accommodates additional trim panel components. For example, the door trim panel assembly 32 includes an armrest generally indicated at 52, and a predetermined surface 54 that [[is]] are visible from the interior 28 of a vehicle 10. The armrest 52 is defined by a plurality of sidewalls 56, 58 having a shape that corresponds to the designated style and area of a particular vehicle interior 28, while the predetermined surface 54 defines a bolster area 55. Those having ordinary skill in the art will appreciate that the sidewalls 56, 58 may include any predetermined shape to compliment the aesthetic features within the interior 28 of a vehicle 10. By way of example, the armrest 52 shown in Figure 1 includes elongated and arcuate sidewalls 56, 58 for improved aesthetic and ergonomic quality of the interior 28 of a vehicle 10. The sidewalls 56, 58 also include a recess 60 to receive the door latch assembly 36 and an aperture 62 to receive the window control 40. Those having ordinary skill in the art will appreciate that the sidewalls 56, 58 may include any number of recesses 60 or apertures 62 to accommodate other trim panel components to improve the aesthetic and/or ergonomic quality of the interior 28 of a vehicle 10.